

Land Use Plans/Major Projects

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NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Little Snake Field Office

Little Snake Resource Management Plan (RMP) Revision/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS): The resource area covers 1.3 million acres of surface area under federal ownership and 1.1 million acres of federal mineral estate. **Current Status:** Preliminary RMP and Final EIS released August 13, 2010. The RMP is currently in the protest resolution process. **Estimated Record of Decision Date:** Fiscal Year (FY) 2011. **Website:** <http://www.co.blm.gov/lspa/rmp/index.htm>

White River Field Office

White River Oil and Gas Development RMP Amendment/EIS: The resource area covers 1,455,900 acres of BLM surface and 365,515 acres of subsurface mineral estate. The purpose of the amendment is to establish guidance, objectives, policies, and management actions for expanded oil and gas development. **Current Status:** The Draft EIS (DEIS) is scheduled for release in 2011. Project delayed due to a new emissions inventory that incorporates air quality data into impact analysis. **Estimated Completion Date:** FY 2012. **Website:** <http://www.co.blm.gov/wrra/WrOilGasRMPAmendment.html>

Grand Junction Field Office

Grand Junction RMP Revision: The resource area covers 1 million acres of BLM surface and 1.45 million acres of subsurface mineral estate. **Current Status:** The field office is working on the environmental analysis for the Draft RMP/EIS. **Estimated Completion Date:** FY 2013. **Website:** <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/gjfo/rmp.html>

Red Cliff Mine EIS: The proposed Red Cliff Mine is located approximately 11 miles north of the towns of Mack and Loma, Colorado, and 1.5 miles east of Colorado State Highway 139. Cam Mining, LLC. is proposing a new portal and associated facilities to extract low-sulfur coal from current federal coal leases. The leasing area will include several potential new federal leases and a small amount of private coal. The proposal also includes a railroad line to traverse approximately 9.5 miles of federal land, include one crossing of State Highway 139 and approximately five miles of private land. **Current Status:** The BLM initiated a draft revision in August 2010. **Estimated Completion Date:** The project schedule is pending.

Website: <http://www.blm.gov/rmp/co/redcliffmine/index.htm>

Kremmling and Colorado River Valley Field Offices

Colorado River Valley/Kremmling RMP Revision/EIS: The Colorado River Valley (formerly Glenwood Springs) and Kremmling field offices are simultaneously revising their RMPs under one EIS. The planning areas cover nearly 945,500 acres of public lands. **Current Status:** Preliminary DEIS routing through internal review process. **Estimated Completion Date:** FY 2012. **Website:** <http://www.blm.gov/rmp/co/kfo-gsfo/>

Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area (NCA)

Dominguez-Escalante NCA RMP: Congress established the NCA as a unit within the National Landscape Conservation System in April 2009. **Current Status:** The NCA is currently in the public



scoping process. **Estimated Completion Date:** The project schedule is pending; however, a draft is anticipated for public review in FY 2012.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Uncompahgre Field Office

Uncompahgre RMP Revision: The resource area covers approximately 787,000 acres of BLM surface and 1.6 million acres of subsurface mineral estate. In December 2009, draft Wild and Scenic River eligibility determinations were released for public comment. **Current Status:** The Notice of Intent published February 2010. The Final Eligibility Report for Wild and Scenic Rivers was released June 24, 2010. The Wild and Scenic Suitability comment period closed August 16, 2010. **Estimated Completion Date:** FY 2013. **Website:** http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/ufo/uncompahgre_rmp.html

Gunnison Field Office

Gunnison RMP Amendment: The field office is working on an Environmental Assessment (EA) to amend the existing Gunnison RMP and the Programmatic EIS (PEIS) to address geothermal leasing in the Gunnison Basin. The RMP amendment is necessary due to new information regarding the presence of Gunnison sage-grouse and Canadian Lynx habitat that was not analyzed in the existing RMP. **Current Status:** Currently working on the EA. **Estimated Completion Date:** FY 2011.

San Juan Public Lands Center

San Juan RMP Revision/EIS: The revised RMP covers 2.5 million acres of public land under U.S. Forest Service and BLM joint management. **Current Status:** Due to concerns with air and fluid minerals, a Supplemental DEIS is in process. **Estimated Completion Date:** FY 2012. **Website:** <http://www.co.blm.gov/sjra/>

FRONT RANGE DISTRICT

Royal Gorge Field Office

Over the River (OTR) EIS: OTR is a temporary work of art proposed on BLM lands by artists Christo and Jean-Claude. The artists, via the OTR Corporation, applied for a land use permit within the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area. The proposal is being analyzed through an EIS under a third-party contract agreement. **Current Status:** Preliminary DEIS was published July 16, 2010. Public comment period ended September 14, 2010. **Estimated Completion Date:** FY 2011. **Website:** <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/rgfo/planning/otr.html>

WASHINGTON OFFICE

Solar Energy Development PEIS: The U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program, and the BLM are preparing a Solar Energy Development PEIS to assess environmental impacts associated with developing and implementing environmentally responsible, utility-scale solar energy development in Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, and Utah. **Current Status:** Internal review ongoing. **Estimated Completion Date:** Final PEIS expected FY 2011. **Web site:** <http://solareis.anl.gov/eis/who/index.cfm>